



INSTREAM FLOW PILOT STATUS REPORT- MARCH 30, 2004

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Souhegan Pilot Program

The Technical Review Committee and the Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee have been convened. The TRC first met February 6 and the WMPAAC met March 5. Meeting information is available on the website <http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/instream/souhegan.htm>.

Souhegan Contractor Selection

Letters, dated December 3, 2003, were sent to 57 consultants notifying them of the RFQ. A Request For Qualifications (RFQ) was published in the Manchester Union Leader December 7 and 8, 2003. The RFQ was posted to the NHDES main website and Instream Flow page, from December 5, 2003 until deadline for submittals on January 15, 2003.

The Consultant Selection Team consists of two members elected by the Souhegan Technical Review Committee, two elected by the Souhegan Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee, and two members from DES. The team met on March 15, 2004, to select a short list of consultants to receive a request for proposal from the eight Qualification and Experience statements received. The team selected the five consulting groups listed below:

- University of New Hampshire / University of Massachusetts / Normandeau Associates, Inc.
- The Louis Berger Group, Inc. / Thomas R. Payne and Associates
- Kleinschmidt Energy & Water Resource Consultants / GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. / Hydrologic Services, Inc.
- Gomez and Sullivan, P.C. / Ann Gallagher / ESS Group, Inc. / The Preservation Company / Independent Archaeological Consultants
- ENSR International / Woodlot Alternatives, Inc. / Wright-Pierce / ERG, Inc. / East Coast Mapping, Inc.

Not selected were:

- Center for the Environment at Cornell University / Dartmouth College / Ecologic: Analysis and Communications
- Tetra Tech EM, Inc. / Rizzo Associates
- Dubois and King, Inc.

The Department sent the Request For Proposals (RFP) to the short listed firms March 25. A mandatory question and answer meeting for those firms is scheduled for March 31. The RFP responses are due April 15, 2004 by 4 p.m. Ranking and negotiations, and contract preparation will be completed by early May, and the request for G&C approval submitted by the May 20 closing date.

The Department is creating maps and tables of Souhegan-specific information to support the Instream Flow Study, which will be the first task of the contractor. These maps and tables are being posted to the website.

Lamprey Pilot Program

The National Marine Fisheries Service contacted the Department March 19, 2004. They hold the federal funding (NOAA) for the Lamprey Pilot study. The Department is preparing the grant application to submit to them for the funding. The grant application is expected to be complete by the end of April. Following federal grant approval, the money will need G&C approval to accept and to budget the funds.

The committee nomination and approval process for the Lamprey Pilot will be the first task to begin the Pilot Program. The Souhegan process began in October 2003 and the committees first met a little over four months later. About the time when these committees are to be convened, a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) will be published and mailed. Selection of a contractor will be conducted as was done with the Souhegan Pilot. This is expected to be a four to six month process.